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He attended public schools at Fairfield, Illinois. High School at Owensville, Indiana. Dixon Business College, Dixon, Illinois; Purdue University, LaFayette Indiana. Moved from Owensville, Indiana to Logan county, Illinois in May 1897, where he was married the 27th day of June, 1900, to Miss Louie Ethel Keys, daughter of the late John James Keys of that county. They have five children, known as "The Murray Stairsteps," namely: Ida, Estella, Grace, Virginia and William Keys.

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